

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re application of:)
Robert E. Callies et al.)
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Serial No.: 09/872,604)
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Filed: June 1, 2001)
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Group Art Unit: 3752)
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Examiner: Davis D. Hwu)
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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

APPLICANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY BRIEF

Dear Sir:

On July 31, 2007 a new Examiner's Answer was filed. So far as Applicant can tell, the July 31 Examiner's Answer is the same as the Examiner's Answer that was filed May 8, 2007, to which Applicant fully responded on July 9, 2007. On page 8 of the July 31, 2007 Examiner's Answer is a statement that Applicant must exercise an option to either reopen prosecution or maintain the appeal. The present Applicant's Supplemental Reply Brief is being filed to comply with this statement. Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.39(b)(2), Applicants request that the appeal be maintained and rely on their Reply Brief as filed on July 9, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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